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Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2009. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is originally set in the Office Action to expire on June 5, 2009, Applicants timely file this paper. However, if the Office deems an extension of time necessary, the same is hereby explicitly requested and the undersigned authorizes the Office to charge any extension of time fee and/or any additional fee that may be necessary for consideration of this Response to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks that follow:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.